

we were from 2 to 6  
our Union Meeting at Birmingham;  
the Reception-Breakfast in the morning -  
the Public Meeting in the Town Hall  
at night.

The Alliance Meeting - for which  
you are largely advertised - ~~will be held on~~<sup>will be held on</sup>  
Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October; and we  
hope to have

The Liverpool Farewell Meet-  
ing on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> - two  
days before your time for sailing.  
I hope to get down to see the friends  
there very shortly

Say if Thursday <sup>(24<sup>th</sup>)</sup> be agreeable for Liverpool  
and Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> be agreeable for  
Birmingham.

With very kind regards to Mrs  
Pulham and to Master Garrison,  
I am, Y<sup>rs</sup> truly  
F. Phillips

Mrs Lady Garrison, Esq.

will kindly keep both those days  
quite clear. We wish to avoid  
Wednesday - if possible, as that is  
the church-service night gene-  
rally among the Episcopalians<sup>of Birmingham</sup>, -  
a number of whom are very  
earnest friends of the Freedmen.

The Hall is at present disengaged  
for both nights; we should decide  
at once, only we are not quite cer-  
tain if you have any engage-  
ment for Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>; as  
you give the Bradford people power  
to make arrangements / subsequently  
to your Reception there on Friday, Oct  
11<sup>th</sup> / for a Social or Drawing-Room  
Temperance Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> or  
16<sup>th</sup> As to the last-named day,  
I am writing to-day to ask our  
friend Mr W. D. Nichols, to see  
to it that it shall be left open  
for us.

You had better telegraph ~~the~~ at the  
earliest possible moment to say if  
we may take Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> for

My immediate object in writing  
is to explain our position and  
intentions:-

The Social Meeting at the Friends  
Institute <sup>(here)</sup> - is fixed for Thursday,  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>

We found that Birmingham  
Town Hall was engaged for  
Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> for a Meeting of  
consequence; and we did not  
think it compatible with respect  
to you or to ourselves to take  
any other Hall: so we have  
resolved on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
or Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> October  
for the great gathering at Bir-  
mingham, and hope that you

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Dear Mr Garrison,

The disappointment at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday last, on account of your non-appearance was very great indeed. The morning of that day was fearfully wet—the thunder loud, and the lightning vivid; yet 30,000 people assembled: 6,000 of whom were holders of season-tickets. Your letter was read; and most of the papers have given it in full or have made copious extracts.